



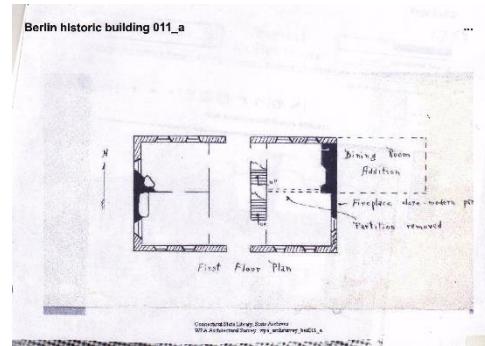
67 Burnham Street  
1759  
Rev. Samuel Clark (1729-17755/78) & Jerusha White (1740-1827)  
2nd minister of Kensington Congregational Church  
Brick came from England  
Dutch colonial

1934 WPA Census of Old Buildings in Connecticut Survey at the Connecticut State Library Digital Collection. Slide # 011

1759 Rev Samuel Clark

Burnham Street

Current owner: Norman Warren



1935 Susqui-Centennial Celebration of the Town of Berlin – Berlin Old Houses.

1759 Rev Samuel Clark

current owner: Norman & Bertha Warren Burnham Street

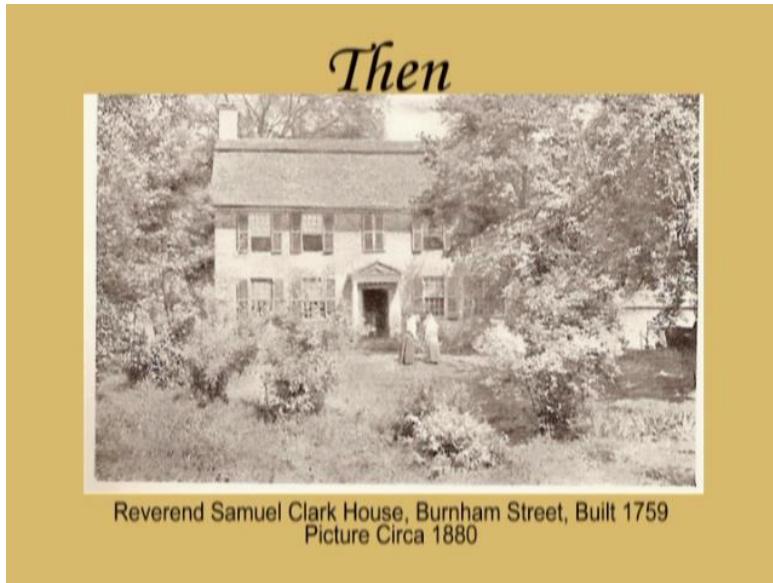
1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 8

1759 Rev Samuel Clark

current owner: David & Janet Brayton Georgian



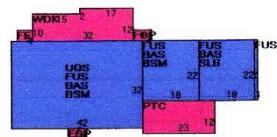
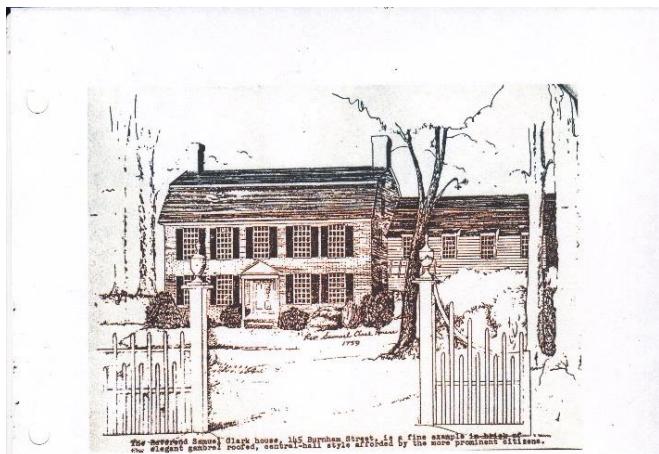
2022 current owner: Rob and Sarah Manzo



2018 Town of Berlin GIS Index.

**Sketch**

1759 Present owner: Robert Manzo



## Historic Buildings of Connecticut

Reverend Samuel Clark (1729-1778), a Princeton graduate, was ordained in the Kensington Congregational Church in Berlin 1756 and then served as its minister until his death twenty-two years later. He built the grand house at 67 Burnham Street, one of the earliest brick residences in Connecticut, in 1759, but did not marry until 1766, when he wed Jerusha White. The latter part of his pastorate was contentious and the congregation split into separate societies in 1772. In 1773, Rev. Clark entered into a financially unsuccessful partnership, ending in a quarrel, with merchant Jonathan Hart. At the time of his death the Revolutionary War was underway and Rev. Clark was facing dismissal from his pastorate for suspected Tory sympathies. The house has a white-painted twentieth-century addition to the left of its front facade.



## Genealogy

Rev. Samuel Clark, June 1, 1739-November 6, 1775, son of Timothy Clark and Deborah Beard was born in Middletown, CT. On July 1, 1766 he married Jerusha White, 1739-1796, daughter of John White and Elizabeth Boardman. They had children including Samuel, Jerusha, and Thomas. Rev. Clark graduated from Princeton University and Yale. Rev. Clark was the second minister of the Kensington Congregational Church. He was ordained on July 14, 1756. A graduate of the College of New Jersey in 1751. Pastor of Kensington Congregational Church, succeeding The Reverend Mr. Burnham, he was installed on July 14, 1756. At the time the church had been without a pastor for more than six years. When the church was divided he chose to stay in the Kensington parish [rather than the Worthington or Berlin parish] and remained there until his death at age 49. Hale cemetery records give his date of death as 1778, W.W. Woodruff gives it as 1775, probably the accurate date. At the time he assumed his duties as minister the church records were in his words "imperfect and broken." He proceeded to make a list of "Such as were members when I came." He dedicated the present Kensington Congregational Church building in 1774. He was a graduate of Princeton, built his home at 67 Burnham Road, Kensington, using bricks and hardware brought from England Catalog card notes that "he married a wealthy English woman" and North records that he was from "Elizabeth town." The house was elaborate and notes from a paper by Mary Upson Pratt in the Wilcox scrapbook says that it outranked in size and cost most country houses of the colonial period. It is still (in Oct. 2000) standing and occupied. Woodworth's history records that his tombstone has the epitaph: "in the gifts of preaching he was excellent, laborious and pathetic." Catalog card also notes that he was in trade with Jonathan Hart and died insolvent due to reverses in England. Berlin records: p. 1, 12, 105 North. History of Berlin, p. 104 Beers, p. 548 Meyers. Other times, other voices, p. 27-28 Connecticut Magazine: 1900, p. 403, 409 Trumbull. Memorial history of Hartford County: Vol. 2. Chapter 2: Berlin [by W.W. Woodworth]

Rev Clark died on November 6, 1778 at age 49 and was the first to be interred in the Ledge Cemetery.



**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM:	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential	

DESCRIPTION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)		Reverend Samuel Clark House	
	2 TOWN CITY		VILLAGE		COUNTY	
	Berlin		Kensington		Hartford	
	3 STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		67 Burnham Road		9-3/80/15	
	4. OWNER(S)		David E. & Brayton, Janet C.		" " Kensington 06037	
	5. USE (Present)		Residence		(Historic) Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN _____	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		Georgian		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1759	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
			<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone				
		<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone				
		<input type="checkbox"/> Type: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Type: _____		
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon				
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
10. ROOF (Type)		<input type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth				
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
		<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate		<input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS				
2 1/2		76' x 32'				
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated				
<input type="checkbox"/> On original site		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		WHEN? <input type="checkbox"/> Alterations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    IF YES, EXPLAIN _____		
				Later right wing		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage		<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house		<input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden				
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT						
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential		<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site		
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		Set back on large lot in area of mostly 20th-century houses.				

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	ADDRESS <b>55 Van Dyke Avenue</b>	
	<b>Hartford, Connecticut 06106</b>	

20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:



## 17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and/or exterior)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

The Reverend Samuel Clark House has a five-bay facade. Its brick walls are laid up in common bond with Flemish variation. The house has a central entry under a Tuscan-columned porch with a pedimented peak and a plain entablature. The heavy 12-paneled door is old, but probably not original. The entry also features transom lights, a plain transom bar, and a molded door surround. First-floor windows have splayed brick lintels; second-floor windows are fitted into the bed molding of the cornice. Windows are fitted with old 12-over-12 sash. Atop the gambrel roof are twin brick chimneys at either end. To the right is a two-story gambrel-roofed extension built in the early 20th century.

## 18 ARCHITECTURE

## BUILDER

## 19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Reverend Samuel Clark, the builder and first occupant of the house, was born in New Jersey, graduated from the College of New Jersey (now Princeton), and settled as minister of the Kensington Society in 1756. Clark's tenure in Kensington was long and turbulent. He was caught up in the controversy over the location of the meetinghouse, which led to the formation of separate Kensington and Worthington Societies, and was later suspected of Tory sympathies. The Reverend Clark was well-to-do, but as a result of reverses in the English trade with Jonathan Hart he died insolvent in 1775. After a four-year hiatus due to the Revolution, the Reverend Benoni Upson occupied the house in 1779. It remained in the Upson family into the 20th century.

Aside from the historical significance,

SOURCES

1855 Atlas  
1869 Atlas  
Anniversary, pp. 70-72

## 21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known    Highways    Vandalism  
 Renewal    Private    Deterioration

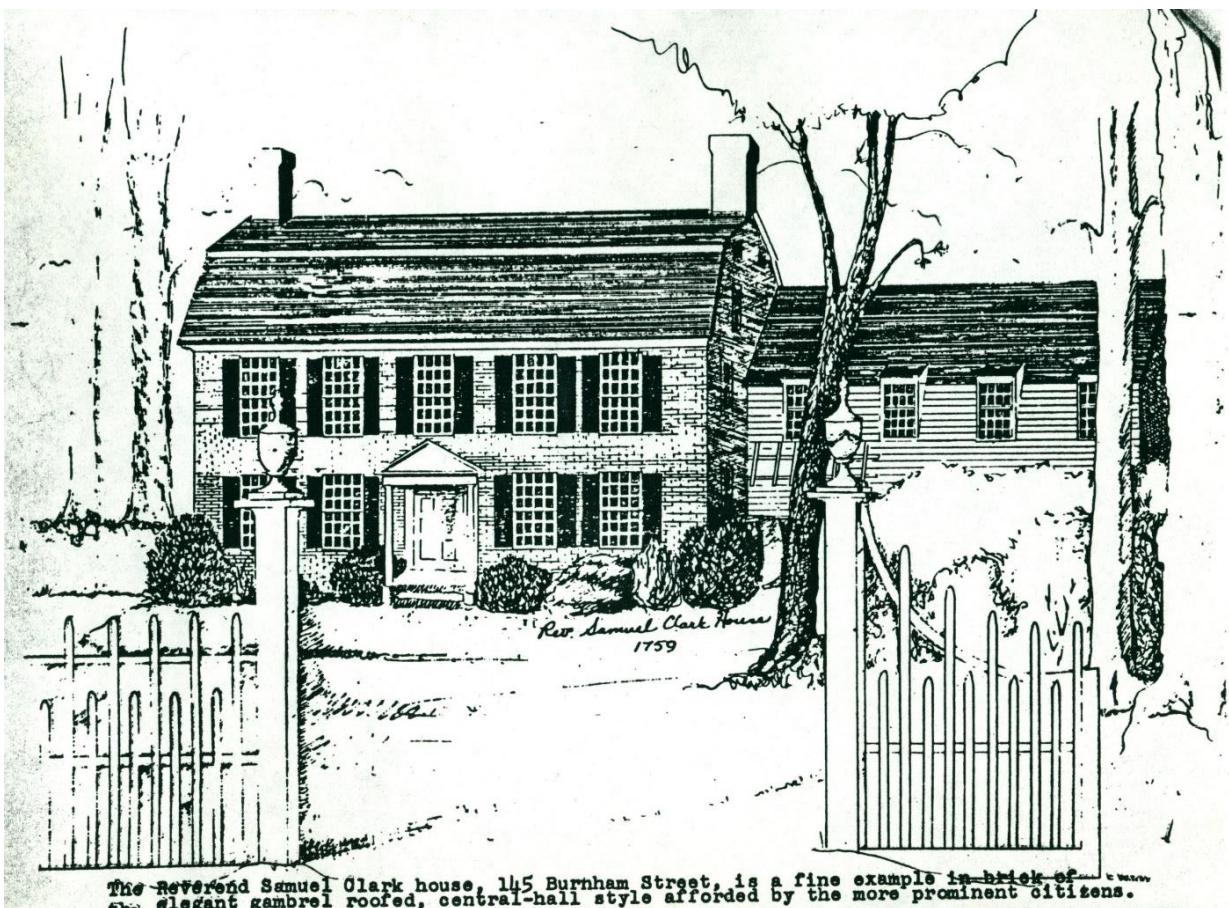


Reverend Samuel Clark House

19. (continued):

with Reverend Clark, the house is also significant as one of the first brick houses built in Connecticut. Its strict symmetry and entry treatment reflect the Georgian style of the day, and its substantial construction reflects Reverend Clark's financial and social position. The 20th-century addition does not detract in any major way from the importance of the house.





The Reverend Samuel Clark house, 145 Burnham Street, is a fine example in brick of the elegant gambrel roofed, central-hall style afforded by the more prominent citizens.

